

HAROLD R. DURANT IS NOW WITH THE FAMOUS PLAYERS

Former Waterbury Man Is
Managing Editor of Big
Movie Concern.

Harold R. Durant, Connecticut newspaperman, author, lawyer, politician, baseball manager, playwright, has a new advancement, none other than that of managing editor of the Famous Players Film Company. The New York Mail said of Mr. Durant:

Following out his determination to maintain without interruption the standard in the selection of screen material which has always distinguished his company's course, Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players Film Company, has determined to concentrate one branch of his activities upon the thorough sifting of the highest grade of modern fiction available for motion picture purposes. To that end he has already engaged H. R. Durant, who probably knows personally more of the new authors than any other man in America and has placed him in charge of the editorial department.

For several years before joining the Famous Players, Mr. Durant was a well-known free lance writer for the best magazines, and has close to 200 short stories to his credit. His story in McClure's "The Unknown," still remains the American prize winning classic. During his five years with Munsey, Mr. Durant was editor of the All-Story Magazine, and saw it grow from a circulation of 40,000 to over a million a month. While editor there Mr. Durant wrote many photo plays for the Reliance-Majestic studios, and his contributions to the legitimate stage were "A Man and His Mate," produced by H. B. Sires; "The Road to Power," by H. H. France; "Something for Nothing," by Al H. Woods and "O'Shea, the Rogue," by Chauncey Olcott.

Mr. Durant has also the unique distinction of being the only author who ever had a Napoleonic play accepted for a Parisian production. His play, "L'Homme Meme," won for him a coveted membership to the Society of Authors and Composers of France.

A freaky literary feat was the writing of "Hoped in," a novel in a sweater with the late Paul Armstrong, who bet the author that no man could write a novel in 34 hours, and it was published in the Argosy. This still remains the world's greatest record for speed in the conception and execution of a novel.

Among Mr. Durant's later contributions to the screen are "Her God," "David," "The Queen of Burlesque," "A Modern Girl," "The Chain Invisible," "The Spillfire," and "The Social Secretary," to the Equitable Company; "The Exclusive Story and Heredity," to the Fine Arts Company; "The Great," to the Mirror; and several to the Pandua Players, title for which have not yet been announced.

His successful vaudeville offerings have been "The Wager," "The Beast," "The Elopement," "Silly Willy," "The Girl Girl," and "The Come-On." In addition to his editorial work and play writing, the new editor of the Famous Players Company has found time to lecture at Columbia University to the students of the photo play course, read plays for A. H. Woods and write epigrams and light verse for Life.

HERE'S A LETTER FROM A GROUCH DOWN AT BORDER

Officers Have Iced Lemonade
While Privates' Is Warm,
He Writes.

There's one Connecticut infantryman down on the border who wants to be home, where he can have ice in his lemonade. In a letter to the Willimantic correspondent of the Hartford Courant he charges that the members of his company (L of the 1st) were locked in a room and required to take the six-year oath without any opportunity to decline.

The letter to the Willimantic correspondent, sent from Nogales, reads in part as follows:

"Well, you are not much better than a dog here. The officers have the best of everything and the company has to wait on them and look after their tents. Lieut. James B. Fullerton is looking out for the men of the company all of the time. I came pretty near going broke if it had not been for him. He has been letting the boys have some money until pay day comes. I've got a check with me but you might as well try to catch Villa as to try to have a check cashed. So I had to send home for some real money. This would be an awful place to go broke.

"None of the boys took much money with them as they were told not to do so, as the state would pay them on the first of July. Now the order comes that the state is going to hold up the pay until we get back. So you can bet the boys are pretty angry. If there is a man living who could get a man in this company to re-enlist he would be a wonder. Everyone is completely disgusted. To half starve a man in this climate after bringing him from the east is almost criminal. They put a neat one over on us when they made us take that six-year oath. They have us right now and no one can say 'boo.' I said at the time that I did not want to take the six-year oath, although I was perfectly willing to serve during the time of the Mexican War if there was a war. But there was no way of getting out of it. Every one was locked in the room over there at the state army and without any explanation whatsoever every man was compelled to put up his right hand. In two minutes we were told that we were now a part of the federal army. You can bet that I didn't put my hand up but I had to take the medicine handed out to the rest of them.

"If Uncle Sam can't treat his soldiers any better he ought to be wiped off the face of the earth. You can tell Potvin to stay home. I know how interested he was in Company L and how anxious he was to come with us. I'm glad he took my advice before we left Willimantic. I told him to stick to the Courant and the probate court and Willimantic. I'm glad he has so far taken my advice. If he wants to live let him stay home, and tell him that I again repeat the advice I gave him the day Company L left Willimantic.

"By the way, it might be of interest to the good people who contributed to that fund the day we left which was to be for the Company L boys. When the boys heard of that they were highly elated, but we are not getting any results from that money, picked up in Willimantic the day we left. If it was not for Lieut. Fullerton I guess none of it would be spent. They bought two or three cases of oranges and a bunch of bananas while we were enroute. When we got here another case of oranges and one of lemons were purchased. They lay in the tent for two days. The officers and a favored few had ice cold lemonade while the rest of us had to drink water that is warm when it comes from the pipes. We finally made a kick today and each man was given a lemon. I've heard about people being handed a lemon, now I know what it means. We made our lemonade with the hot water and it was sickening to drink. They have a big can full of ice cold lemonade in the quartermaster's tent with all the fixings, but we get fired out if we try to get any. That's the way the Willimantic people's money and kindness is being used for the members of Company L."

"We are going to make another 'holer' today. So possibly we may get an orange as a result. Probably things will go a little better later on. If they don't I'll get Potvin to write a letter in the Hartford Courant. I guess he would do it all right for the sake of the boys because he knows most of them. The only trouble would be if they found out I started it, well I would be better off in the hands of the Mexicans. They have got plenty of chewing tobacco here if you care for it. Wait until we get back home and they will start throwing the 'hot air' about the boys in their command, then our chance will come, and I believe me, we will take it for sure.

"From all indications we will all be back to vote this fall. There will be some voting, I believe me, and the cross will not be in the Democratic column."

"A small cyclone struck our camp yesterday. Cor were blown in the residence, a distance of fully a hundred feet. One of our men was injured. The sand is baking hot on the camp ground. Such a thing as shade is unknown here. A hotel man here says that he will give any one a week's board for any day that the sun does not shine. As I sit here under the tent the perspiration is pouring right out of me. I like to take a bet when there is a chance to win, but the hotel man has got the safe side on this betting proposition.

"Your conception of a letter from a friend is nothing to what it means to us here where the mail man comes with letters. I want to hear from one of the fellows down there in the east. So here is a chance to use some of that spare time, and by the way, easy time, nights. Just get a pad of paper, a few pencils and when the bunch gets around have them get busy. You'd be surprised to know how eager the boys here watch the mail man. Just a line from Windham and Willimantic. Pass the word around."

The other letter is to the Courant correspondent and is dated Nogales, Ariz., July 11, 1916. The writer says: "Things are getting a little better as the time goes on. The food is showing a change for the better. Beef and potatoes have once more found their way to the cook shack. The



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Genuine Palm Beach Suits

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Two-piece suits for Summer wear; smart and stylish and worth \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8; the new GATHERED BACK and patch pocket MODELS; 100 patterns to select from; grays, tans, stripes, checks, neat effects in dark blues, gray and black grounds, and there's a big selection of light and dark shades. Sale price.....

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Blue twills, plain black thibet, fancy worsteds in stripes, checks and plain colors; strong and durable; sizes 28 to 50; sale price.....

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WARRIOR KING OF GREECE KEEPS SWORD SHEATHED

Constantine Fails to Respond
to Martial Anthem of His
Soldiers.

Athens, July 28.—A dramatic moment marked a military horse show given recently in the stadium. The jumping and riding exhibitions were over. The white-skirted evzones had marched impressively past the royal tribune, and two regiments of soldiers were drawn up before King Constantine and Queen Sophie to sing Greek folk songs. Several songs passed pleasantly enough. Then there came one about the exploits of Constantine Paleologus, Emperor of Byzance.

Even to those who could not understand the words there was something stirring in the martial lines. And when a thousand voices rang out: "The Warrior King Unsheathe His Sword," suddenly the whole mass blackening the gleaming marble of the stadium rose as of one impulse, applauding, crying out: "Yes! Yes! The Warrior King Will Unsheathe His Sword," and craning their necks to see their sovereign, their warrior king of today.

Constantine I. sat erect and rigid in his smart, white uniform, a handsome, martial figure, almost regal. He heard; but he made no movement. His left hand grasped the hilt of his sword. But the sword remained sheathed, and the song went on. Only when the king had gone and the crowd was pouring down the street that runs in front of the royal residence, some man shouted that it was shameful that the applause for the king had been paid for by German money.

A crowd gathered instantly. There was a shot. An officer cut the man who had shouted in the head with his sabre. A score of secret police sprang up in a moment and the offender (not the officer) was hustled off though an unfinished building, down back streets, to jail.

RAILWAYMEN'S UNION FORMED IN GERMANY

The Hague, July 28.—The General German Railwaymen's Union, an organization embracing all ranks and classes of employees on state and private railways, came into existence recently.

The new organization owes its birth to the fact that the hundred thousand railway men who have joined the colors since the beginning of the war have been replaced by employees from other unions, such as engineers, metal workers, transport workers, etc. Having been released from their old allegiance, the latter joined together formally not only with the object of maintaining their status as union men but for the purpose of constituting an important reinforcement of the railwaymen's union.

IRELAND'S FLAG WASN'T ALWAYS EMERALD COLOR

Blue Prior to 1798—Students of
History Agree, After
Research.

The universal belief concerning the flag of Ireland is that it has always been "the harp without the crown." Imposed on a field of green and that green has from time immemorial been Erin's color.

I venture to say that ninety out of every hundred persons will assert, in answer to a query, that the harp on a green background has constituted Ireland's national design these many centuries, this belief obtaining generally among the Irish themselves.

In opposition to this belief it will appear strange when the asseveration is made that Ireland's national color until something more than a century ago was blue.

Next to that comes the flag of Flann MacCumbhail's militia, the golden sunset on a blue ground, and the weight of opinion among all Irish students of research seems to favor this as the true national flag. Indeed, blue was always Ireland's national color until 1798.

Quite a number of other flags have figured in Irish history, and each of them has its line of enthusiastic supporters. Not the least popular among these is the flag exhibiting three golden crowns imposed on a blue ground, which figures at the present day in the arms of the province of Munster.

This flag was accepted after the Norman invasion in the year 1170 as the ensign of Ireland, the three crowns representing the kingdoms of Desmond, Ormond and Thomond. It was retained until 1647, when Henry VIII. abolished it and substituted the harp.

Coming down to more recent times it is found that the parliament of Ireland, of which Henry Grattan was the head, did not recognize green, al-

though it did accept the harp. That parliament's flag was a golden harp on a blue ground.

At the time of the union with England in 1801 a new flag was evolved apparently for the express purpose of incorporating it with what is now known as the union jack, but it does not seem to have caught the popular fancy any more than the act of union.

This was the red saltire on a white ground, which was christened St. Patrick's cross. Apparently it was taken from the arms of Trinity college at Dublin, though how Dublin came by it is a mystery.

The tricolor of green, white and orange—the orange and green, with the stripe of peace between—was the recognized flag of the Irish Nationalists, whose aim is complete independence. James T. Doyle in Baltimore American.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices.

Poultry, Dressed—Turkeys: Old hens, lb. 25c; old toms, 25c. Chickens, milk fed, 17 lbs. to dozen and under, lb. 25c; 18-24 lbs., 30c; 25-30 lbs., 28c; corn fed, 17 lbs. to dozen and under, lb. 27c; 18-24 lbs., 30c; 25-30 lbs., 27c. Fowls, 4-5 lbs., 55c; over, 21c; 3 1/2 lbs., 18 1/2c. Western, under 3 lbs., 15c. Ducks, fresh, ducklings, lb. 20c. Squabs, prime, white, 6-10 lbs. to dozen, per dozen, \$2.50 @ \$4.75; culls, 50c @ \$1. Poultry, lb. 5c; Chickens, 22c @ 23c for colored and 20c @ 22c for white leghorns. Old roosters, 14 1/2c; turkeys, 15c @ 18c; ducks, 16c; geese, 12c; guineas, 60c @ 65c per pair; live pigeons, 80c per pair.

MARRIED.

DUNFIELD-SPEED—In Torrington, July 26, I. Burton Dunfield and Miss Emma L. Speed.

JOHNSON-GRAY—In White River, Vt., July 20, Frederick G. Johnson of Danbury and Miss Ellen Gray of Manchester, Mass.

UHAS-FEDAK—In Danbury, July 25, Mike Uhas and Annie Fedak.

HORTON-PECK—In Danbury, July 11, Chauncey D. Horton and Mrs. Hattie F. Peck.

NAVIN-JOHNSON—In Winsted, July 19, John B. Navin and Miss Grace Johnson.

KAYLOR-WILLMOTT—In So. Norwalk, July 12, Leon Kaylor of Stamford and Miss Emma Willmott.

CLARK-CALDER—In Winsted, July 17, Andrew Clark and Miss Alice Calder.

DIDSBURY-HILL—In Shelton, July 20, Robert W. Didsbury and Miss Martha Hill.

HEYRON-BERG—In Norwalk, July 24, Edward Heyron and Miss Mary C. Berg.

BURNS-CORRIGAN—In Stamford, July 24, Robert Burns of Chester, Pa., and Miss Ella L. Corrigan.

DIED.

HALL—In Danbury, July 25, Mildred Christopher, wife of John Hall, of Lime Rock, aged 20 years.

HOLMES—In Shelton, July 25, Mrs. Lucy Holmes, aged 89 years.

THORPE—In Danbury hospital, July 25, Chester W. Thorpe, aged 39.

LEPPERT—In Danbury, July 22, Mary Elizabeth, widow of Charles Leppert, aged 82 years.

McGLONE—In Danbury, July 21, John McGlone.